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SUBH: CUBANS REPORT ON ETHIOPIAN STATEMENTS ON OAU MEDIATION

1. GRANMA, MARCH 2, CARRIES VERY BRIEF, CUBAN ORIGIN (PRENSA LATINA) REPORT FROM ADDIS ON STATEMENTS BY DIRG FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHIEF BERHANU BAYE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR LAGOS MEETING WITH OBASANJO. ACCORDING TO GRANMA, BAYE REITERATED ETHIOPIA'S FIDELITY TO OAU PRINCIPLES ON INVIOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS. THIS REAFFIRMATION, GRANMA SAYS, CONSTITUTES ETHIOPIAN ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF OAU MEDIATION. BUT, GRANMA ALSO POINTS OUT, BAYE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AFTER SOMALIA TOTALLY WITHDRAWS ITS TROOPS FROM OGADEN.

2. COMMENT: GRANMA REPORT IS BURIED UNDER MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ALLEGED INCREASED FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA. POSSIBLE NEW SUPPORT NOTED BY CUBANS INCLUDE DIRECT SUPPLIES OF CHINESE ARMS AND PROVISION OF US ADVISERS - AN IDEA OF "VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN AND
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PENTAGON GENERALS". THIS LINE, CONVEYED LESS WITH CONCERN, THAN AS SELF-JUSTIFICATION FOR OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, COUPLED WITH CUBAN REPORTING OF BAYE'S DECLARATION ON INADMISSIBILITY OF IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS, PRESUMABLY SIGNALS THAT CUBANS ANTICIPATE MAINTAINING OR INCREASING THEIR OWN "BALANCING" OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE UNTIL SOMALIS ARE FORCED OUT OF OGADEN.

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